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Best. Tarini

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From: Tarini Parti < tarini.parti@buzzfeed.com>

Date: Tue, Oct 3, 2017 at 5:36 PM

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To: gottesman.larry@epa.gov

Larry Gottesman

National Freedom of Information Officer

(2822T)

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Gottesman:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., I request copies of the following:

> All records compiled in response to the House Oversight Committee's Sep. 26, 2017 letter related to "senior officials' use of government-owned aircraft or private noncommercial aircraft for official and personal travel." I request all such records compiled as of the date you conduct the search for responsive records, regardless of whether the records have been sent to the committee.

According to the letter sent to all agencies, the committee has requested information regarding the following: "Usage of a government-owned aircraft by any senior official since January 20, 2017, including the aircraft manifest, all passenger names, destinations, dates of use, purpose and cost of each trip"; "policies relating to the use of government-owned aircraft or private non-commercial aircraft by senior officials"; and "usage of private, non-commercial aircraft by any senior official

including but not limited to charter service, lease, or other arrangement through Commercial Aviation Services (CAS) providers since January 20, 2017."

I request these records in their native digital formats, where possible, rather than on paper or converted to PDF files.

I am making this request on behalf of BuzzFeed News, and for the purposes of informing the general public.

Under 28 C.F.R. 16.5(d)(1)(iv), a request is to be given expedited processing when it involves "[a] matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence." I am seeking expedited treatment for this request.

This request clearly involves a matter of widespread and exceptional media interest, following the resignation of HHS Secretary Tom Price, who was using taxpayer funds to pay for travel on private jets, and reports of other cabinet officials doing the same.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, please waive any applicable duplication fees. If you determine that fees will exceed \$25, please inform me first.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at <u>252-315-7264</u> or <u>tarini.parti@buzzfeed.com</u>. I look forward to receiving your response within the 20-day statutory time period. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if there are any clarifications I can make to make this request easier and/or quicker to complete.

Sincerely, Tarini Parti tarini.parti@buzzfeed.com 252-315-7264

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